

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A hood switch in combination with a front end module carrier comprising:

a conductor element attached to a designated position of a lower surface of the front end module carrier; and

a magnetic element attached to a designated position of an inner panel of a hood provided above the front end module carrier,

wherein said magnetic element is positioned on an external surface of the inner panel without being embedded in the inner panel.

2. (Original) The hood switch as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the conductor element and the magnetic element are installed such that they are opposite each other when the hood panel is closed.

3. (Previously Presented) The hood switch as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein the hood switch is a contactless-type proximity switch.
  
- 4.(Previously Presented) The hood switch as set forth in claim 3,  
wherein an alarm light on an instrument panel of a vehicle is connected to either  
the conductor element or the magnetic element, and the alarm light is illuminated when  
the hood is opened.